

STREET MUSIC TRUST
LANDS ON GEORGE EHRETFinancier of Little German Bands
Profits by Brewer's
Birthday.

COMBINATION COSTS \$200

Trombone Players and Guitar Pickers
Put an End to Yearly
Celebrations.

Mr. George Ehret hereby serves notice on the "little German bands" of New York city, individually and collectively, that he will not be open for serenades on his next birthday. While he appreciates such compliments he has come to realize that his means will not permit him to receive them particularly as it is apparent that the spirit of high finance has mingled with the music. Therefore there will be no serenade next year if the police and all his employees can prevent it.

Mr. Ehret has a birthday on the 6th of every April and yesterday he was 77 years old. The event is always celebrated at his home, Ninety-fourth street and Park avenue, and in the neighborhood. Every one likes him and rejoices in the continuance of his activities. One of the modest little features of the birthday celebration for years has been the serenades by the little five and six men bands that haunt that part of the city. Each band would appear once in the course of the joyous day, either at the home or over at the brewery in Ninety-third street—the brewery preferred—play one or two tunes and receive one dollar for each man in the organization. Over at the brewery there was other hospitality. It was a pleasant incident confined to Mr. Ehret and the bands. The number of the latter has been increasing slowly of late years, but that made no difference until yesterday, when the demon of high finance asserted itself.

Authorities differ as to the time it began. Sgt. Sprague of the East Eighty-eighth street station says 5:20 in the morning. The chauffeur says 6. Mr. Ehret isn't positive. In any event he was awakened early by the sweet strains of "The Blue Danube" coming up from his arway below. This was followed of course by "Die Wacht am Rhein." Mr. Ehret smiled, looked out of his window, counted the serenaders and sent six \$1 bills—one dollar for each man in the organization. His head had just struck the pillow and the first band had time only to get around the corner when the second crowded into the area to salute the owner of the house with the Strauss waltz and the German national anthem. "They will get it all over early to-day," commented Mr. Ehret, facilitating \$1 downward; there was a young fellow with a triangle in his organization. Mr. Ehret thought it best to dress now and did so to the accompaniment of the "Blue Danube" and "Die Wacht," for the third band came up before the echoes of the last one had died away.

He went downstairs to wait time, ate to the strains of the anthem, smoked and read his paper to music. The fourth, fifth and sixth bands had appeared, one with six, another with seven and the third with eight players. His automobile was announced with an "oompah" from the arway and he went down the front steps just as the ninth band arrived. He had delegated the work of paying to an assistant some time before, so that he could revise his estimate of the Strauss musical talent.

No bands were in sight when Mr. Ehret reached the brewery, but he had no sooner planted himself down in his office chair when from the courtyard outside there came the preliminary moan from a trombone which told him that he was about to be honored again. He told a young man to "count 'em," send the money down and tell them to go get some beer. He just had time to relax after this one when "mumps" came the strains again, the one with the tip end of a clarinet sticking out of his throat. Yes, that one! Well, seems to me he has been around here before. Yes, and that little bow-legged one with the base horn. I'll bet he's been here I noticed him before. He can't keep his eyes open and blow at the same time.

The young man at the window had been more than usually interested for some time. After about the sixteenth band he began making notes. "It certainly is strange," he exclaimed, "but it seems to me I have seen that fat man—that big fellow with the heavy blood mustache—over there the one with the tip end of a clarinet sticking out of his throat. Yes, that one! Well, seems to me he has been around here before. Yes, and that little bow-legged one with the base horn. I'll bet he's been here I noticed him before. He can't keep his eyes open and blow at the same time."

The young man applied himself to his notes and by the time the twenty-fifth band had finished the anthem he was enabled to announce the discovery of the law of the movement of German bands. Trombones move every six times, clarinets every five, alto every eight, guitars every four, with triangle zylphonas, octorinas, flageolates acting as corollaries likely to appear at any time.

Six men were appointed as scouts and the trailing of a band led them down to a saloon on Second avenue. There they ran into a convention of "little German bands." A schedule had been fixed by the musical financier. Eight original bands had been run off early and then he had begun to send them out in rotation.

Mr. Ehret went home and found a card waiting for him. It didn't play. The law says that bands may not play in the street or on the sidewalk. Mr. Ehret had brought with him a very husky driver when he stationed at the area entrance. Sgt. Sprague and Policeman Lynch appeared to see that the law was not violated.

The band conversed with the husky driver and vanished. Mr. Ehret's musical birthday was over. The chauffeur said it had cost him a little more than \$200.

Arrest in Slander Suit.

William J. Harvey, a Pennsylvania promoter, was arrested yesterday at the Hotel Imperial on an order of arrest obtained by Max M. Hart of 115 Nassau street in a suit for \$50,000 damages for slander. Hart alleged that Harvey had said that he is a man with a reputation for probity and honesty and that on March 11 last at the presence of Harvey in the presence of a number of persons said, "You are a convict thief and I will let every one know that you are the same as I have always done. I want every one to know what kind of a thief you are."

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75c yd. wide Habutail Silk, 50c.

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Imitation Cluny Lace Bands, worth to 25c., at 9c.

Cluny Lace Edgings and Bands, values up to 40c. yd., 25c.

Women's and Misses' Princess Slips, Lawn and Nainsook, 98c.

Women's Union Suits, 10c.

Women's and Misses' Coat Sweaters, samples worth \$3.50, \$5.00, at \$1.98.

International Bed Springs, \$2.49.

\$8.00 Elastic Felt Mattresses, \$3.75.

Oak and Leather Chairs, \$2.49.

\$11.25 Velour Portieres at \$6.05.

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DIED IN BATHS FROM A STRANGER'S BLOW

Johnston in Fight About a Woman

Just as He Entered

Fleischman's.

Robert N. Johnston, a travelling salesman

for A. W. Baylis & Co. of 77 Frank-

lin street, died in a room at Fleischman's

Baths, Sixth avenue and Forty-second

street, yesterday morning ten hours

after he had been struck and knocked

down in the street by a man who resented

the manner in which Johnston looked at

his young woman companion. Although

he showed no immediate effects from

the blow other than a bruise over his

eye, Johnston probably died as the result

of a fracture of the skull. The police

are looking for his assailant, but have

little hope of making an arrest because

of the roguish description given them.

Johnston and Thomas L. Malcolm of

326 East Eighteenth street, Paterson,

N. J., who also is employed by the Baylis

concern, had intended to start on a busi-

ness trip yesterday morning. They were

at the Continental Hotel, Chambers street

and West Broadway, until midnight

and according to Malcolm had drunk

rather freely during the evening. They

took a Sixth avenue elevated train to

Forty-second street and were about to

enter the bathing establishment when

two men and two girls passed them.

Malcolm says the first thing he heard was

one of the men saying to Johnston:

"What are you looking at?"

"Well, I can look if I want to, can't I?"

Johnston answered, according to

Malcolm.

Johnston's companion says that the

man who had addressed Johnston then

struck Johnston over the left eye and

that the second man pitched into him.

When he got his wife about him both men

and the two girls were walking on across

Forty-second street and Johnston was

sitting on the curb brushing his clothes

and wiping blood from the bruise over

his eye. They entered the baths and

engaged rooms, Johnston saying that

he would go to bed immediately and

would take his bath in the morning. He

left a call for 7:30 o'clock.

When called at that hour Johnston

said he did not feel well and would sleep

a while. Two hotel clerks he was heard

breathing heavily and finally lapsed into

a state of coma. Dr. Max Gottfried was

called and he sent for Dr. Joseph Muir,

who has an office in the building. An

ambulance also was summoned from

Flower Hospital, but Johnston was dead

before its arrival.

Coroner Feinberg questioned Malcolm,

Capt. John W. O'Connor and such de-

scription as he could give of the two

men who were with the women. Mal-

colm told the coroner he was not sure

he could identify the men if he saw them.

He was paroled in the custody of his

employer pending a further investigation

and an autopsy by the coroner's phy-

sician.

Johnston was a widower and lived with

his parents at 2087 Seventh avenue. He

was 32 years old.

SOCKS IN PLACE OF MITTEN.

Taken From a Departing Wife Described

in Allegation Suit.

John M. Emery, manager of the marine

department of the Lackawanna Railroad,

was sued yesterday for \$25,000 damages for

alienating the affections of Mrs. Alice

Hibbard. The suit was brought by Peter

A. Hibbard, who alleges that he was living

happily with his wife until last October,

when Emery induced her to leave him and

go to an apartment at 235 West 108th street

to live with her cousin, Mrs. Lena Shaffert.

Hibbard says that he went home one night

and found his apartment stripped of

furnishings, and a note asking him to meet

his wife at the subway station. When he

met her she handed him a pair of his socks

and told him she had broken up house-

keeping.

Hibbard has also brought suit for divorce

against his wife, naming Emery as co-

respondent.

Bryan, Gaynor and Wilson at Jefferson

Dinner.

Among the speakers at the Jefferson day

dinner of the National Democratic Club

on April 11 will be William Jennings Bryan,

Mayor Gaynor, Senator O'Grady, Speaker

Champ Clark, Gov. Woodrow Wilson and

Gov. Dix. The committee in charge of the

dinner has been overwhelmed with ap-

plications for seats from all parts of the

country. The dinner will be at the Waldorf-

Astoria.

Stern Brothers

will hold their Annual Exhibition of

Printed Decorative Fabrics

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8th, 9th, 10th

Exceptionally large collections of designs and colorings will be shown in new and distinctive styles at present much in favor, for furnishing Reception, Drawing, Living and Bed Rooms and Foyer Halls in City and Country Residences.

Cretonnes, Linens, Taffetas and Chintzes,

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Also Reproductions of Old English and French Prints, Toiles Peintes de Jouy, Oberkampf Linens, Etc.

Inspection is invited of this remarkable display, which will be found of special interest to those about to furnish or remodel their homes.

THIRD FLOOR MAIN BUILDING

Summer Furniture

Unusually large assortments are being displayed, including

many styles in separate pieces and entire suites

for Porches, Living and Bed Rooms.

Chairs, Rockers, Settees, Couches, Stools, Tea Wagons, Trays, Card

Tables, Tabourets, Lamps, Hampers, Etc., of Reed in natural,

white and colors; Split Cane, Willow, Prairie Grass, close

woven in two tone greens and browns, Chinese Sea Grass

flexible and luxurious, marked at very moderate prices.

Fumed Oak Furniture,

with Cane Seats and Panels, for Living Rooms and Bungalows.

Bedroom Suites,

in white, cream, ivory and French gray enamel, hand decorated,

Bird's Eye Maple in natural and baronial brown, and

White Mahogany, plain and decorated.

Allover Stuffed Chairs and Rockers,

of the best construction, covered with distinctive styles of Cre-

tonnes,

at \$25.00, 29.00, 30.00 to 44.00

Later Importations have been received of

Colored and Black Dress Goods

comprising Serges in several new designs in the most fashionable

colorings, including various shades of Navy, also Black and

White Stripes and Checks for Tailor Gowns.

For To-morrow, a Special Offering of

9500 Yards Imported Mohairs,

consisting of Plain, Self-colored Stripes and Checks,

Hairlines and Fancy Mixtures, in the most

desirable colors, including cream, navy and black,

at 78c

Regular Price \$1.25 Yard

4500 Yards Imported Black and White Checks,

in various sizes, all wool, 46 inches wide,

at 98c

Regular Price \$1.50 Yard

Also a very large purchase of

Fancy Silk and Cotton Voiles

in an attractive line of

this season's most desirable colors,

at 25c

Linen Suitings

Consisting of Crashes and Homespuns, in colored

black and white, natural, cream and white effects, at

38c

Regular Value 65c Yard

Lace Departments

are replete with many new effects in laces, consisting of Ratine,

Macrame, Venise, Boheme, Chantilly, d'Alenc on, Point Milan,

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Also for To-morrow, at Decided Reductions

Ratine, Macrame and Venise Laces and

Bandings, from 3 to 10 inches wide, from 45c to 3.25

Regular Values from 65c to \$4.50 Yard

Linen Cluny, Filet and Point Milan

Bandings, from 5 to 12 inches wide, from 35c to 4.50

Regular Values from 58c to \$5.75 Yard

Chantilly, Fancy Net and Shadow Laces

and Insertings, in various widths, from 25c to 4.95

Regular Values from 50c to \$6.25 Yard